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Remarks

Claim 8 is objected to due to an informality which has been corrected in the instant amendment.

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 9 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Edic et. al. US '609. Claims 1, 2, 8 and 9 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Watanabe US '199. Claims 1, 3, 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Jacobs et. al. US '562. Claims 1, 3 through 5, 7 and 10 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Fothergill US '898. The Examiner has, however, indicated that claims 6 and 11 through 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In responding to these rejections, the Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 6 which has accordingly been cancelled. Claim 1 is therefore now allowable. The dependent claims of record inherit the limitations of the allowable base claim and are therefore also allowable. Passage to issuance is therefore respectfully requested.

No new matter has been added in this amendment.

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